



JOSEPH R. BIDEN, III
ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
820 NORTH FRENCH STREET
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801

CONTACT JASON MILLER
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
PHONE (302) 577-8949
CELL (302) 893-8939
Jason.Miller@state.de.us

Media Release

October 1, 2009

Shred it and forget it!

Attorney General's Office sponsors Fall 2009 Community Shredding Days

Wilmington, DE – In an effort to prevent identity theft statewide, the Attorney General's Office is sponsoring three "Community Shred Days" this fall. Each event features free on-site document shredding, and staff from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit will share information about identity theft and provide resources to victims of identity theft and consumer fraud. Consumers may bring up to three file-sized boxes of documents; emptied boxes will be returned immediately.

"With the threat of identity theft on the rise, Community Shred Days help consumers reduce their risk of being victimized, by ensuring the safe destruction of documents that contain personal identifying information," stated Timothy Mullaney, Director of the Attorney General's Fraud and Consumer Protection Division. "We invite all Delawareans to take advantage of this free service."

Identity thieves use a variety of methods to obtain consumers' personal information. One common technique is dumpster diving, where they rummage through trash looking for bank statements, bills, and other documents. Consumers are cautioned to safeguard themselves by shredding these documents before discarding them.

Each shred day will take place from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, October 17	Sussex	State Social Services Building 546 S. Bedford Street, Georgetown (off Route 113)
Saturday, October 31	Kent	Boscov's parking lot at the Dover Mall 1365 N. Dupont Highway, Dover
Saturday, November 14	New Castle	Widener School of Law Concord parking lot 4601 Concord Pike, Wilmington

The Attorney General's June 2009 Community Shred Days resulted in the safe shredding of more than 21,000 pounds of documents, which were sent to recycling plants to be reused in post consumer paper products. Community Shred Days are part of an ongoing campaign by the Attorney General's office to prevent identity theft and assist victims of the crime. Learn more about identity theft by visiting www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov/consumers or call the Attorney General's toll-free Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424.

###